

The Director of Central Intelligence

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Dear Mr. Hodges,

I am pleased to be associated with the distinguished people from whom you have received letters. Your collection must be an impressive one.

Best regards.

Yours,



STANSFIELD TURNER
Admiral, U.S. Navy

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Mr. Alden B. Hodges, Sr.

Admiral Stanfield Turner
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"Letters From Leaders"

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As you can see by the enclosure, I have a collection of correspondence from people who are leaders in their various fields of endeavor this collection I have given the title of "Letters From Leaders".

On numerous occasions these replies have been accompanied by a photograph and/or a biography, both of which add to the educational and intrinsic value of the contribution.

I would consider it a privilege and high honour if you could and would find the time to comply in like manner as I definitely feel that to attain the position you hold requires a high degree of leadership.

To date, my replies have come from the offices of the past five Presidents of the United States, the last two Vice-Presidents and the majority of the Cabinet members of the past two administrations. The answers have been from both male and female regardless of color or creed such as Madam Premier Golda Mier-Israel, Senator Margaret Chase Smith, Mr. Robert Weaver, former head and Mr. George Romney, present head of the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (at the time of this administration.) President Urho Kekkonen-Finland, Pres. Eamon de Valera-Ireland, all the Governors of all the fifty United States, all the Chiefs of Staff USA, plus the Navy, Army, and Air Force Academy heads, and four territories of Guam, Puerto Rico, American Samoa and the Virgin Islands.

I have heard from people in various occupations such as Chaplain Piirto of the USS Hornet, Chpl Jerauld of the USS Iwo Jima, both carriers associated with the recovery of our astronauts, both Captains Seiberlich and Kirkens of the carriers named replied, Chpl. Elson-US Senate, Cardinals Cook-New York and Cody-Chicago.

In making this request, I try to accompany each letter with a reply I have received from a person in a-like field, for example, if I approached a person in the field of entertainment, I would enclose a copy of a reply I received from Jimmy Durante who was kind enough to answer.

Trusting I will hear from you, I close.

Respectfully yours,

Alden B. Hodges Sr

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*It has been my privilege to hear from Mr Bush and Mr Colby, also
 Admiral Arleigh Burke and Admiral Radford*